

Date:

January 7, 2009

To:

ABAG Executive Board

From:

Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager

Subject:

Authorization for ABAG to Amend a Contract with the

California Coastal Conservancy for a Bay Trail Block Grant

Bay Trail staff requests Executive Board authorization for ABAG to amend a contract with the California Coastal Conservancy for a project block grant funded by Proposition 84 to develop individual Bay Trail grant projects.

Background

Since 1999, the Coastal Conservancy has authorized four Bay Trail block grants to ABAG: \$2.5 million in September 1999 (General Fund), \$7,376,500 in December 2000 (Proposition 12), \$3.8 million in September 2004 (Proposition 40) and \$3 million in September 2007 (Proposition 84). Over 100 Bay Trail projects have been undertaken through these four grants resulting in 53 miles of trail construction, new shoreline destination areas, interpretive signs, trail amenities, public outreach, a regional gap analysis and detailed planning studies for 122 miles of trail.

Proposal

On December 4, 2008, the Conservancy authorized the disbursement of an additional \$3,000,000 to evaluate, select, design and fund implementation of individual projects to complete the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Staff requests ABAG Executive Board adoption of a resolution authorizing ABAG to increase the current \$3 million contract with the California Coastal Conservancy to \$6 million for the purpose of funding and managing a variety of individual projects that will further the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 01-09

AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO AMEND A PROJECT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2007 the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) authorized allocation of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from Proposition 84 specifically designated for the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, a 500-mile public trail around San Francisco and San Pablo Bays to enhance appreciation of the Bays and to preserve land for recreational, ecological and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2008 the Conservancy authorized a three million dollar (\$3,000,000) increase of this grant resulting in a total augmentation of six million dollars (\$6,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy, established by the State pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 31000 - 31400, is authorized to award grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition and development of coastal access-ways, including the San Francisco Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) provides the San Francisco Bay Trail Project with administrative, financial, legal and related support services in its efforts to implement the Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and the Conservancy wish to amend a Project Block Grant Contract to administer the block grant funds allocated to the San Francisco Bay Trail Project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Project Block Grant Contract with the California Coastal Conservancy and to take all other actions reasonably necessary to such execution and delivery.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 15th day of January, 2009.

Rose Jacobs Gibson President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 15th day of January, 2009.

Henry L. Gardner Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy Legal Counsel